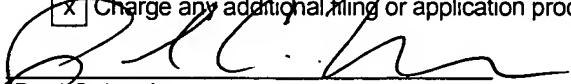


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Invention: VEHICLE STEERING APPARATUS					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Further to the Amendment dated February 17, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**This reply includes:**

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks.**